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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Alaska Native Claims Selection

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Decision Approving Lands for Conveyance.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will issue an appealable decision approving the conveyance of the surface estate in the lands described below to Atqasuk Corporation pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA). These lands lie entirely within the National Petroleum Reserve - Alaska. As provided by the ANCSA, the subsurface estate in lands lying within the Petroleum Reserve is not available for conveyance to Arctic Slope Regional Corporation and will be reserved to the United States at the time of conveyance.

DATES: Any party claiming a property interest in the lands affected by the decision may appeal the decision in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4. Please see the "SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION" section for the time limits for appealing this decision.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the decision may be obtained from: Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, AK 99513-7504.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: The BLM by phone at 907-271-5960 or by email at blm_ak_akso_public_room@blm.gov. Persons who use a

Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1 800-877-8339 to contact the BLM during normal business hours. In addition, the FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the BLM. The BLM will reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that an appealable decision will be issued by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to Atqasuk Corporation. The decision approves the surface estate in the lands described below for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601, et seq.). These lands lie entirely within the National Petroleum Reserve - Alaska. As provided by ANCSA, the subsurface estate in lands lying within the Petroleum Reserve is not available for conveyance to Arctic Slope Regional Corporation and will be reserved to the United States at the time of conveyance. The lands are in the vicinity of Atqasuk, Alaska, and are described as:

Umiat Meridian, Alaska

T. 14 N., R. 19 W.,

Secs. 29 and 32.

Containing 1,081.33 acres.

Notice of the decision will also be published once a week for four consecutive weeks in the <u>Arctic Sounder</u>.

Any party claiming a property interest in the lands affected by the decision may appeal the decision in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4 within the following time limits:

1. Unknown parties, parties unable to be located after reasonable efforts have been

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expended to locate, parties who fail or refuse to sign their return receipt, and parties who

receive a copy of the decision by regular mail which is not certified, return receipt

requested, shall have until [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF

PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER] to file an appeal.

2. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from

the date of receipt to file an appeal.

Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4

shall be deemed to have waived their rights. Notices of appeal transmitted by electronic

means, such as facsimile or email, will not be accepted as timely filed.

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